

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

Claims 15-28, 33 and 38-46 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 47-76 are added. The following is the status of the claims of the above-captioned application, as amended.

Claims 1-46 (Canceled).

Claim 47 (New). A variant of a parent RP-II protease, comprising a modification at one or more positions selected from the group consisting of 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 143, 144, 145, 146, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 194, 199, and 201, wherein the variant has RP-II protease activity; and each position corresponds to a position of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2.

Claim 48 (New). The variant of claim 47, which comprises a modification at position 1.

Claim 49 (New). The variant of claim 47, which comprises a modification at position 2.

Claim 50 (New). The variant of claim 47, which comprises a modification at position 3.

Claim 51 (New). The variant of claim 47, which comprises a modification at position 4.

Claim 52 (New). The variant of claim 47, which comprises a modification at position 5.

Claim 53 (New). The variant of claim 47, which comprises a modification at position 6.

Claim 54 (New). The variant of claim 47, which comprises a modification at position 7.

Claim 55 (New). The variant of claim 54, which comprises a substitution at position 7 with N, S or T.

Claim 56 (New). The variant of claim 47, which comprises a modification at position 8.

Claim 57 (New). The variant of claim 47, which comprises a modification at position 143.

Claim 58 (New). The variant of claim 57, which comprises a substitution at position 143 with R, K or H.

Claim 59 (New). The variant of claim 47, which comprises a modification at position 144.

Claim 60 (New). The variant of claim 59, which comprises H144R or D161R,K+H144Q,N.

Claim 61 (New). The variant of claim 47, which comprises a modification at position 145.

Claim 62 (New). The variant of claim 47, which comprises a modification at position 146.

Claim 63 (New). The variant of claim 47, which comprises a modification at position 158.

Claim 64 (New). The variant of claim 47, which comprises a modification at position 159.

Claim 65 (New). The variant of claim 47, which comprises a modification at position 160.

Claim 66 (New). The variant of claim 47, which comprises a modification at position 161.

Claim 67 (New). The variant of claim 47, which comprises a modification at position 162.

Claim 68 (New). The variant of claim 47, which comprises a modification at position 194.

Claim 69 (New). The variant of claim 47, which comprises a modification at position 199.

Claim 70 (New). The variant of claim 47, which comprises a modification at position 201.

Claim 71 (New). The variant of claim 47, further comprising a modification in at least one position selected from the group consisting of 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 141, 142, 153, 154, 155, 156, 158, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169,

170, 171, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 195, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 210, 213, 214, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, and 221.

Claim 72 (New). The variant of claim 47, which has an amino acid sequence which is at least 80% homologous to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2.

Claim 73 (New). The variant of claim 47, which has an amino acid sequence which is at least 85% homologous to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2.

Claim 74 (New). The variant of claim 47, which has an amino acid sequence which is at least 90% homologous to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2.

Claim 75 (New). The variant of claim 47, which has an amino acid sequence which is at least 95% homologous to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2.

Claim 76 (New). A detergent composition comprising a variant of claim 47 and a surfactant.